

REMARKS

In this Preliminary Amendment, a modification has been made in the specification and in claim 7 correcting an error in terminology. An early and favorable action is hereby earnestly solicited.

Should any questions arise concerning the application, the Examiner is invited to call the Applicants' attorneys at the number listed below.

**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.8(a)**

I hereby certify that this document is being placed in the United States mail with first-class postage attached, addressed to Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on August 10, 2005.

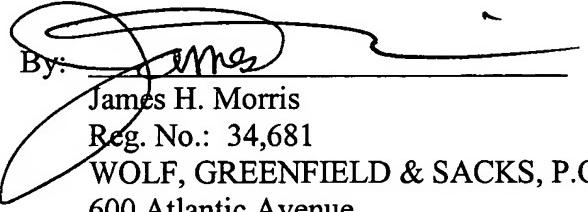


Attorney Docket No.: S1022.81235US00  
**XNDD**

Respectfully submitted,

*Laurent Regnier, Applicant*

By:

  
James H. Morris  
Reg. No.: 34,681  
WOLF, GREENFIELD & SACKS, P.C.  
600 Atlantic Avenue  
Boston, Massachusetts 02210  
Tel. (617) 646-8000